

# Town of Simsbury

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## Aging and Disability Commission

### AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

November 18, 2003

#### MINUTES

Chairperson Peg Bergethon, in the Blue Room at Eno Memorial Hall, 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Present: Ricki Bergquist (staff consultant), Peg Bergethon, Grace Comeau, Kathy Fallon, John Hampton, Ed LaMontagne, Charlotte Steptoe, Eileen Umpleby, Moira Wertheimer and Lynn Veith.

Not Present: Gloria Knierim (excused), and John Romano (Bd. Of Selectmen liaison).

Public Audience: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes not presented due to lack of a quorum at the October meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the informative talk given by Mickey Lecours-Beck, Director of Social Services at the October meeting. Specifically, Mickey spoke about the lack of transportation for residents needing rides to appointments.

#### Reports - Subcommittees/Projects

Disability Subcommittee: Ed reported that the DMR Central Office released a report detailing recommendations for dealing with their aging population. Among the issues looked at were family support, education, training, legislation, grants and research, and end of life planning. Ed can provide a copy of the report to those interested.

### Legislative Subcommittee:

Federal: Moira reported that U.S. Congress Conference Committee on Medicare is currently meeting in an attempt to present a Medicare overhaul bill to the President by Thanksgiving, and that the AARP endorsed the Bill.

State: None.

Housing Issues: None.

Souper Tuesday Luncheons: Peg reported that Gwenne Simpson, founder and ardent supporter of Souper Tuesday died earlier in the month. Discussion ensued regarding Gwenne's strong desire to continue the Souper Tuesday program. All volunteers need to let the Senior Center know they will be attending, in order that they may be included in the sandwich count. Grace will chair the December Souper Tuesday.

Ways and Means: The balance for Souper Tuesday is \$562.71, and Peg sent out fundraising letters for Souper Tuesday program.

Senior Center: Ricki reported that she helped put on a program that will be aired on Nutmeg TV, and eventually on SCTV. Also, fifteen knitters and crocheters have quite an extensive supply of hats, sweaters, and mittens that they will donate to the area nursing homes.

### Old Business:

Music for All Ages: Eileen reported that she is working with the Simsbury High Music Director regarding next year's performance. Specifically, they are trying to find a better date for all participants, maybe in April. Motion made/carried to spend \$130.00 on printing/advertising costs for the program.

Fashion Show: Very successful. All the models purchased their outfits. FAVARH participants attended the show.

Other: None.

### New Business:

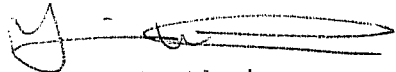
Correspondence: Peg will write Gwenne's daughter a note.

Nominating: Will meet the first week in December. Slate will be presented at the January meeting.

Other: None.

**Adjournment:** The next meeting is on January 20th, 2004. Lynn Veith made a motion to adjourn and Ed LaMontagne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,



Moira Wertheimer  
Clerk

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